

It is ridiculous that the NAB is seeking to prevent satellite radio providers from offering locally oriented content such as traffic and weather information. The Weather Channel has done this very same thing for years. With bill HR 4026, the NAB is seeking to protect their own interests and not the interests of the American people whom our government represents. Rather than engage in fair competition with satellite radio providers, the NAB seeks to use the FCC and the House of Representatives as a tool to squash any threat to their broadcasting stronghold. I urge the FCC and the House: Don't be a tool. No matter what the NAB would lead you to believe, there will always be plenty of people unwilling to pay for radio services and who will continue to rely on traditional "free" radio. NAB members should keep that group of people larger through innovation, not intimidation.